

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 7, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Benjamin Evans
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Award of National Security
Medal to DCI Bush

To confirm our informal notification, the President has approved the award of the National Security Medal to Director Bush and wishes to make the presentation at a mutually convenient time during the week of January 10.

I enclose the approved citation. Will you please forward the Medal and the accompanying certificate to me. Also will you please give me an indication of any guests Mr. Bush might wish to have if the circumstances of the presentation are such that guests may be included.



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment

Citation for the National Security Medal

for Mr. George Bush

Director of Central Intelligence

Having previously distinguished himself in the service of his country, George Bush has made an outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States as Director of Central Intelligence. His unique background for this assignment included management of a successful business, experience as a Congressman, and service in highly important diplomatic posts at the United Nations and in the People's Republic of China. The role of Director of Central Intelligence has many facets and George Bush was outstanding in each, as adviser to the President, as leader of the U. S. Intelligence Community, as spokesman to the Congress and as the operating head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As the leader of the Intelligence Community, he was directly responsible for major improvements in the allocation of intelligence resources and for increasing the responsiveness of the intelligence product to the needs of the policy makers and operating officials of the Government. His effectiveness as a spokesman, both within and outside the Government, did much to restore America's confidence in its intelligence agencies.

The achievements of George Bush in improving the responsiveness and the overall effectiveness of the Intelligence Community and the Central Intelligence Agency reflect public service of the highest order. His influence will long be felt as one of major significance to the accomplishment of the foreign intelligence mission of the United States Government.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 10431

NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established a medal to be known as the National Security Medal with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances. The medal and its appurtenances shall be of appropriate design, approved by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.
2. The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person, without regard to nationality, including members of the armed forces of the United States, for distinguished achievement or outstanding contribution on or after July 26, 1947, in the field of intelligence relating to the national security.
3. The decoration established by this order shall be awarded by the President of the United States or, under regulations approved by him, by such person or persons as he may designate.
4. No more than one National Security Medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for subsequent services justifying an award, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the Medal.
5. Members of the armed forces of the United States who are awarded the decoration established by this order are authorized to wear the medal and the ribbon symbolic of the award, as may be authorized by uniform regulations approved by the Secretary of Defense.
6. The decoration established by this order may be awarded posthumously.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 19, 1953.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL

Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Executive Order 10431, the following regulations are hereby issued to govern the award of the National Security Medal:

1. The National Security Medal may be awarded to any person without regard to nationality, including a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who, on or after 26 July 1947, has made an outstanding contribution to the National intelligence effort. This contribution may consist of either exceptionally meritorious service performed in a position of high responsibility or of an act of valor requiring personal courage of a high degree and complete disregard of personal safety.
2. The National Security Medal with accompanying ribbon and appurtenances, shall be of appropriate design to be approved by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.
3. The National Security Medal shall be awarded only by the President or his designee for that purpose.
4. Recommendations may be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council by any individual having personal knowledge of the facts of the exceptionally meritorious conduct or act of valor of the candidate in the performance of outstanding services, either as an eyewitness or from the testimony of others who have personal knowledge or were eyewitnesses. Any recommendations shall be accompanied by complete documentation, including where necessary, certificates, affidavits or sworn transcripts of testimony. Each recommendation for an award shall show the exact status, at the time of the rendition of the service on which the recommendation is based, with respect to citizenship, employment, and all other material factors, of the person who is being recommended for the National Security Medal.
5. Each recommendation shall contain a draft of an appropriate citation to accompany the award of the National Security Medal.

Approved:

HARRY S. TRUMAN
January 19, 1953.

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